



St. Paul's Weekly Update – August 11, 2022

Worship

This Sunday, August 14th, Rebecca Amadei will be leading the service. The theme is climate change. Rebecca will tie in the discussion of climate change from this week's Camp Awesome, where the kids learned about bees and climate change.

Worship with us in person at 10:00 a.m. or on-line. Visit our website at www.stpaulsmidland.org and use the direct YouTube link at the top of the page, or simply go to YouTube and subscribe to our channel. Just type in "St. Paul's Midland" and you will find us. If you are on Facebook, you can get St. Paul's updates that way as well. Check us out on both our new website and on Facebook. We start live-streaming at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday.

Office hours

Current office hours are Wednesday and Thursday only, until the week of September 11th. Colleen is in the office on Wednesday mornings and Louise is there on Thursday mornings, both from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Just a reminder that Louise works from home the balance of the time and can always be reached at her home number at 705-526-1640 or by e-mail at stpaulsunity@rogers.com on Wednesday and Thursdays.

Please note that due to vacation, there will be no weekly update next Thursday, August 18th. The next update will be on August 25th.

In case of a pastoral emergency while Karen is on holidays/sabbatical time, please contact our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, **Colleen Gareau at 705-427-9630** or the **Rev. Lois Brown** from Unity United Church in Vasey at **705-816-2570**. Should you need to contact Louise Therrien, our Church Administrator, she can be reached at **705-526-1640 on Wednesdays and Thursdays only** during July and August, or by email at stpaulsunity@rogers.com

Our deepest condolences to the Patchell family on the passing of their beloved Graham and Diane at their residence on Thursday, August 4th. The Patchells were long time members of St. Paul's United Church and will be sadly missed by all. Condolences can be mailed to Diane's sister, Betty Ann Bell, 880 Yonge Street, L4R 2E7. Donations to a charity of your choice are gratefully appreciated. There will be a private graveside service held in the coming week.

URGENT NEED FOR FOOD: The Guesthouse Shelter continues to struggle to meet the needs of the many individuals who are accessing their help. Could you add a few items to your weekly grocery list to help out? They can use food items such as soups, beans, chili, tinned salmon/tuna/ham, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, kraft dinner. Food items can be delivered to the back door (off the parking lot on Easy Street) on weekdays. Please call the shelter staff at 705-527-4111 to have someone meet you at the door.



Please note that they are once again accepting donations of prepared food since COVID regulations have been lifted. This includes fresh or frozen meat as they do have staff to prepare.

Congregational Life

A huge thank you to all those who have so generously contributed to our **Furnace Fund**. To date, we have raised **\$24,214** towards our goal of \$75,000. We have some fundraising events planned, but we still need your support. Any amount you're able to contribute is greatly appreciated. You can donate either by cheque or by e-transfer. Work on the furnace is to begin next week.



Calling all people handy with a paint brush or roller. We are planning to paint the Upper Room, ceiling and all, in August. Anyone who can help please give Bruce a call at 705-526-8553 or his cell at 705-529-6728.

On **Sunday, Aug. 28th** we will be celebrating Colleen Gareau's ministry amongst us as our Pastoral Care Coordinator. Colleen is moving back to Brandon Manitoba and we will miss her very much. The Sunday worship service will acknowledge her ministry, followed by a social gathering at the church to allow people to say goodbye.

Save the date: Please join the **2022 St. Paul's Car Rally** to be held Sunday, September 11. Enjoy a nice drive through Simcoe County, once again watching for churches and barn quilts. The cost is \$20 per person and will include a bag lunch. To register, please send Louise an e-mail at stpaulsunitied@rogers.com. Payment can be made by cheque or e-transfer. This is a fundraiser to support the work of St. Paul's.

The UCW will be having an indoor garage sale at the end of September. Start cleaning out your closets etc. of unwanted items and be ready for the September 22nd drop off date. Set up will be September 23rd with the sale on September 24th. We'll be looking for lots of volunteers to help as well.



Discovery Kids

Discovery Kids are back in person every Sunday. Families are asked to take their children directly upstairs, where Rebecca is looking forward to seeing them.

This Week's Minute for Mission

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One of a stellar lineup of exciting projects to receive funding

Are you a parent or grandparent with children home for summer vacation? Looking for healthy, screen-free, and imaginative ways to engage them and nurture their Spirit at the same time?

The Scribblers Story, a new Christian children's podcast, just might be the answer. The podcast takes a creative approach to encourage children to explore their imagination and faith without using screens. Described as "Narnia with kid actors and a soundtrack," the adventurous storyline released in 15-minute episodes every Monday through the summer, takes children on a purposeful and fun journey to engage with deep spiritual questions.

"Especially over the past few years, children have been spending more time on screens. Podcasts and audiobooks inspire the use of imagination and creativity in children and are more portable than TV shows and movies. Perfect for bedtime or car rides" says Amy Van Wensem, the show's Executive Producer.

Not only are the podcasts convenient, portable and allow listeners to relax or multi-task while tuning in on their own time, they also give blossoming young actors like Paige, Isaac, and Jakob (pictured above), an opportunity to grow their faith and skills in a professional, exciting environment.

Supported by **Vision Fund** and **Embracing the Spirit** grants, *The Scribblers Story* is one of a stellar lineup of exciting projects to receive funding. Both grant programs are designed to inspire innovation and are supported by generous gifts to Mission & Service. Best of all, *The Scribblers Story* is a **free** resource for children and families, and it's available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, iHeart, and Buzzsprout. Please share it widely with your communities and networks!

And, as always, thank you for supporting innovative ministry projects through **Mission & Service**.

Blessings everyone,

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